

Letter to Alexander Graham Bell, January 4, 1914

3-2-79 National Press Club Washington January 4, 1914. Alexander Graham Bell, Washington, D. C. Dear Dr. Bell:

Pursuant to our conversation of Friday evening, regarding the use of radium in the cure of cancer, I glanced hastily over the medical literature on the subject yesterday. Although I found numerous references to the possible use of radium in cancer cases, and its actual use in lupus and similar diseases, not only in 1903, but in 1902 as well (I did not search the records any farther back than that), I do not find that anyone else suggested the idea which you advanced, that the radium could be applied closely to the diseased surface, by sealing it in a fine tube.

Sincerely yours, Paul